

U.S. SENATE

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

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Name of Traveler: Nicholas Rossi

Employing Office/Committee: Commerce Committee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)

Travel date(s): October 17 - 19, 2016

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): Los Angeles CA

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Mr. Rossi is attending in his capacity as staff director of the Commerce Committee whose jurisdiction includes communications and commercial, licensing and distribution, and/or intellectual property issues.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): na

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

9/16/2016
(Date)

Nicholas A. Rossi
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, John Thune, Chairman hereby authorize Nicholas Rossi
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/16/16
(Date)

John Thune
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.
2. Description of the trip: The trip will highlight several production facilities, discussions w/both our creative & executive teams, and deepen the participants' understanding of the policy issues facing our industry.
3. Dates of travel: October 17, 2016 - October 19, 2016
4. Place of travel: Los Angeles, CA
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: please see addendum
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND -
 - ☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

The duration of travel and programming are such that two nights are necessary for Congressional invitees to attend a full day of programming.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

The MPAA is the sole sponsor and organizer of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

MPAA serves as the voice and advocate of the American Motion Picture and TV Industry. The day of programming will highlight several production facilities, discussions w/both our creative & executive teams, and deepen the participants' understanding of the policy issues facing our industry.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The MPAA sponsored a congressional trip to the 2015 South by Southwest festival in Austin, TX and a congressional trip to Los Angeles (similar to this one) in October 2015.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

The MPAA regularly hosts educational briefings, conferences such as the annual "Creativity Conference," and events on Capitol Hill such as "Beyond the Red Carpet" and "Script to Screen."

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$1,000 (inc ground transportation to/from airports and shuttle bus on day-of programming)	\$316 (exclusive of tax)	\$160 (exclusive of tax & gratuity)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

The trip involves an event that is arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Many of our studios have production located in Los Angeles, CA.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Universal Hilton, Universal City, CA

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Centrally located to all three studios we will be visiting.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily lodging expense is equal to the Fed Govt LA lodging per diem rate. The total meal expense is

\$160 which covers the day of programming and reimbursement for meals on the two travel days, which is equal to the government per diem rates.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach airfare

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:

Name and Title: Orit Michiel, Vice President, Legal Affairs

Name of Organization: Motion Picture Association of America, Inc.

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